Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) announces that he has sent a letter signed by lowa's entire House delegation to Administrator William Fugate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in support of lowa's request for major disaster declaration 1998 to be amended to include Individual Assistance programs in Fremont, Harrison, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties. Should FEMA grant the request, a variety of additional relief programs could become available to residents of flooded counties. King's letter to Fugate notes that nearly 200,000 citizens live in the counties that are covered by this request, and it urges FEMA to act "as soon as possible" on granting lowa's request.

"By granting this request, FEMA will make additional relief programs available to lowans who are struggling with the personal and economic burdens being imposed upon them by the ongoing flooding," said King. "Many of these programs are specifically designed to assist people who have lost their home or their job due to this flood, and many lowans find themselves having lost one or both. I am encouraging FEMA to move quickly to add these programs to the previously issued major disaster declaration, and I am grateful to my colleagues in the House delegation who have rallied in support of this effort."

Congressman King has previously led the House delegation response in support of lowa's request for a <u>Presidential Disaster Declaration</u>, and for an <u>Agricultural Disaster Declaration</u>. Both of these previous requests have been granted.

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